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REMARKS

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1. The Tiszalock-Chat-Putzakecsi (sic) and the Budapest-Miskolc railroad lines are to be connected by a rail link extending from the Polgar to the Nyekladháza railroad stations.

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2. Source [] stated that the railroad line under construction between Polgar and Nyekladháza is designed to be single-track. 1
3. The single-track Miskolc-Sarospatak railroad line, which was dismantled in 1945, was reconstructed in 1951. In August 1953, the Budapest - Sarospatak railroad line was double-track throughout its length. 2
4. In the summer of 1953, a concrete highway extending from Budapest to the Yugoslavian border via Pécs was completed, except for a viaduct on this highway between Pécsvarad and Mecseknádasd, 10 kilometer southwest of Bonyhad. This viaduct had not been opened to traffic by October 1953. The new highway generally followed the course of an old road; however, localities were usually bypassed. After completion of the highway, defects were showing in many places in its surface. In the fall of 1953, gangs of workers were repairing these defects.

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5. Source learned [] that a new railroad line extending from Dunapataj to Baja via Mecseknádasd was scheduled to be opened to traffic in the spring or summer of 1954.

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1. [] Comment. Information on the construction of this railroad line, which will probably be single-track, was transmitted previously. [] It is believed that the line will not be completed before some time because it requires the construction of a railroad bridge over the Tisza River.

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- 25X1A 2. ☐ Comment. It was previously known that the Budapest - Sarospatak trunk line which is of importance for transit traffic is double-track.
- 25X1A 3. ☐ Comment. This information which is received for the first time may be correct. The highway will have military importance.
- 25X1A 4. ☐ Comment. Information on the construction of this railroad line is received for the first time. The completion of the line would close a gap in the railroad network available on the eastern bank of the Danube River. Seen from a military point of view, the railroad line involved may be used for a strategic concentration of troops against Yugoslavia. Since the railroad line runs through predominantly agricultural districts it is believed that the line was mainly built for military reasons.

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